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The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" It is proposed to open a millet station at Adoni."

The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI :—" Will the hon. Minister be pleased to state whether there is a proposal to abolish the farm at Chintaladevi, Nellore district ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" There is no such proposal."

Fisheries

Work done by the Director of Fisheries.

*1918 Q.—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) when the post of the Director of Fisheries was permanently created ;

(b) how many times and for what period the Director of Fisheries has been either on leave or employed on other duty ;

(c) what were the arrangements made to carry on his work during his absence ;

(d) whether it is a fact that several proposals relating to the working of the Fisheries department are allowed to lie over pending the arrival of the permanent Director of Fisheries ; and

(e) if the answer to (d) is in the affirmative, what those proposals are ?

A.—(a) In July 1915.

(b) Mr. Hornell, the late Director of Fisheries, was on leave from the 15th January to 14th November 1920. Dr. Sundara Raj was on leave from the 16th May to 14th July 1926 and again from the 1st July 1928 to 28th February 1929. He was also employed on special duty under the Government of Bihar and Orissa for a period of three weeks from the 8th June 1928.

(c) During Mr. Hornell's absence on leave and when Dr. Sundara Raj was on leave from the 16th May to 14th July 1926, the Director of Industries held additional charge of the post of the Director of Fisheries. When Dr. Sundara Raj was on special duty for three weeks from 8th June 1928 and on leave from 1st July 1928 to 28th February 1929, the Superintendent, Government Museum, was appointed to hold full additional charge of the post of Director of Fisheries.

(d) & (e) The only proposal which was allowed by Government to be deferred pending the return of Dr. Sundara Raj from leave was the publication of a bulletin of important marketable fishes in the presidency.

Public Works

Acquisition of the North Georgetown playground for Public Works Department buildings.

*1919 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the North Georgetown playground in the Madras City has recently been given to the Public Works Department for making an addition to their buildings ;

(b) whether it is proposed to erect police lines on the adjoining plot of ground ;

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(c) whether the Government have considered the undesirability of thus depriving the children of this congested area of the only open space available to them for play ;

(d) whether the playgrounds used by school children in any other place in Madras City have similarly been taken away in the course of this year ; and

(e) whether the Government will lay on the table of the House a copy of the correspondence that took place recently between them and the Physical Education Committee regarding such a question ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Government propose to reserve for a model playground an adjoining plot which opens on to the Portuguese Church Street.

(d) No playground formally assigned has been resumed. There are, however, certain cases where private schools are allowed to use vacant Government land as playgrounds and in one such case Government has been compelled to withdraw the permission as the land is required for public purposes.

(e) The letters [a] referred to are laid on the table.

Mr. F. E. James :—" Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to state, with reference to (c), whether the Government have already reserved that plot and if so, whether it is larger or smaller than the previous one."

11-45 a.m. The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. F. E. James :—" May I ask whether he will consider the advisability of Government's adopting a policy of not resuming plots which are set aside as playgrounds until alternative plots have been laid down ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" In this case, the alternative plot has been set down before the resumption."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that the alternative plot is not as big as the other plot which they have resumed and also of the fact that it is not located in a place which is accessible to the people of the locality from which the other plot which was resumed ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" I do not think so. The new plot is adjacent to the old plot and is very easily accessible."

[*Note.*—An asterisk * at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the member.]

II

FURTHER DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR 1929-30.

DEMAND VI—IRRIGATION.

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" Mr. President, Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor, I move—

' *that the Government be granted a further sum not exceeding Rs.* 40,000 *under Demand VI—Irrigation.* "

This is to provide for improvements to the Vizzeswaram head sluice, Godavari Western delta.

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 920-921 infra.